



OHIO'S NAVAL HISTORY



SHIPS



USS Dayton (CL 105), 1945

USS Dayton was built by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation of Camden, N.J., and commissioned January 7, 1945. Commissioning in time to see the final strikes off the Japanese coast, Dayton received one battle star for her World War II service. Dayton later conducted two tours of the Mediterranean before being placed out of commission in reserve at Boston on March 1, 1949.



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At least 81 ships have been named after the state of Ohio, its cities, places, and people. A few of those ships include:

USS Akron (ZRS 4), 1931
 USS Bucyrus Victory (AK 234), 1944
 Cincinnati I (Stern-wheel gunboat), 1862
 Cincinnati II (Cruiser No. 7), 1894
 USS Cincinnati (CL 6), 1924
 USS Cincinnati (SSN 693), 1978
 USS Cincinnati V (LCS 20), 2015
 Cleveland I (Cruiser No. 19), 1903
 USS Cleveland II (CL 55), 1942
 USS Cleveland III (LPD 7), 1967
 Columbus I (24-gun armed ship), 1775
 Columbus II (Ship of the Line), 1819
 USS Columbus III (CA 74), 1945
 USS Columbus (SSN 762), 1993
 USS Cuyahoga (YX 21), 1935
 USS Dayton (CL 105), 1945

USS Edison (DD 439), 1941
 Erie I (Sloop-of-War), 1814
 USS Erie (PG 50), 1936
 USS Kidd (DD 661), 1943
 USS Kidd (DDG 993), 1981
 USS Kidd (DDG 100), 2007
 USS Knox (APA 46), 1944
 USS Muskingum (AK 198), 1945
 Ohio I (Schooner), 1813
 Ohio II (Receiving ship), 1820
 Ohio III (Battleship No. 12), 1904
 USS Ohio (SSGN 726), 1981
 USS Piqua I, 1917
 USS Piqua II, 1967
 USS Toledo (CA 133), 1946
 USS Toledo (PF 33), 1944
 USS Toledo (SSN-769), 1995

PEOPLE



Ernest J. King
Fleet Admiral

Ernest Joseph King was born in Lorain, Ohio, November 23, 1878. During World War I, King was awarded the Navy Cross. In 1927 he was designated a naval aviator. King later served as Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, and Chief of Naval Operations. He provided American naval leadership for World War II.



Neil Armstrong
Astronaut

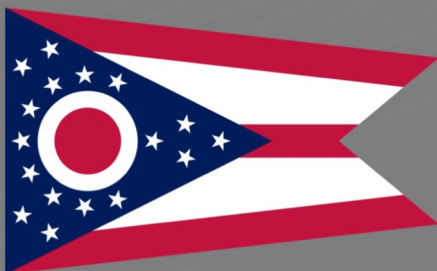
Neil A. Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, was born in Wapakoneta, Ohio, August 5, 1930. Armstrong, a trained naval aviator, test pilot, and astronaut, served in the Korean War flying 78 missions for a total of 121 hours in the air. Armstrong's quote "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" was heard by an estimated 450 million listeners.



Isaac C. Kidd
Medal of Honor Recipient

Isaac Campbell Kidd was born in Cleveland, Ohio, March 26, 1884. During the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, he rushed to the bridge of USS Arizona (BB 39), his flagship, and discharged his duties until Arizona blew up from a magazine explosion and a direct bomb hit on the bridge which resulted in the loss of his life. He was awarded the Medal of Honor and the Purple Heart.

PLACES



Did you know?

Ohio's state flag is a pennant, or burgee, design. It is the only state flag of that design in the United States.



Navy Operational Support Centers

A Navy Operational Support Center, or NOSC, is a facility used to provide operational support for training and administrative services to Navy Reserve Units. There are three NOSCs in the state of Ohio: NOSC Akron, NOSC Columbus, and NOSC Toledo.



Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps

The purpose of the NROTC Program is to educate and train qualified young men and women for service as commissioned officers in the Navy's unrestricted line, the Navy Nurse Corps, and the Marine Corps. Ohio State University and Miami University both offer NROTC programs.